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TO:

Minerals File

FROM:

Holland Shepherd, Reclamation Specialist His

RE:

Field Inspection, White Cap #8 and White Cap #11, Gypsum Resource

Development Incorporated, S/015/047, S/015/048, Emery County, Utah

Tony Gallegos and I performed a site inspection of the White Cap #11 and White Cap #8 sites on June 11, 1990. The White Cap #11 has not been worked. The White Cap #8 site has been disturbed.

The operator submitted a Small Mining Operation Notice of Intent to the Division on March 13, 1990. The NOI specified that the White Cap #11 site would be worked, not the White Cap #8. The operator has not permitted the White Cap #8. at this point in time.

The disturbance at the White Cap #8 site consists of several small pits and a road which is about 400 feet in length. The site had been permitted in 1985, by Gypsum Mine Associates. The disturbance found on site may stem from activities performed by the earlier operator. Vegetation on site indicates that it is 2 - 3 years old.

If the current operator does not claim responsibility for the White Cap #8, the previous operator or claim holder should be notified regarding reclamation of the site.

It is the Division's impression that the BLM does not want the White Cap #8 area mined, at this time, because of some rare plants found in the area.

The current operator and BLM's San Rafael Resource Area office should be contacted in regard to the questions posed above.

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Scott Crowley, Operator CC:

James Dryden, BLM, San Rafael RA

Wayne Hedberg